

# House Resolution 133 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY SMITH, BAUDLER, WENDT, FOEGE, HEATON,  
1 3 FORD, T. OLSON, PETERSEN, and HOFFMAN  
1 4 A Resolution designating September 2008 as Prostate  
1 5 Cancer Awareness Month.  
1 6 WHEREAS, countless families in Iowa live with  
1 7 prostate cancer; and  
1 8 WHEREAS, a significant number of men in Iowa live  
1 9 with prostate cancer; and  
1 10 WHEREAS, over the past decade, prostate cancer has  
1 11 been the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer and  
1 12 the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths  
1 13 among men in Iowa; and  
1 14 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates  
1 15 218,890 men in the United States will be diagnosed  
1 16 with prostate cancer and 27,050 men will die of  
1 17 prostate cancer in 2008; and  
1 18 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates  
1 19 2,140 men in Iowa will be diagnosed with prostate  
1 20 cancer and 350 men will die of prostate cancer in  
1 21 2008; and  
1 22 WHEREAS, African-American males suffer a prostate  
1 23 cancer incidence rate up to 60 percent higher than  
1 24 white males and more than double the mortality rate;  
1 25 and  
1 26 WHEREAS, age, ethnicity, and family history are  
1 27 significant predictors of the severity of prostate  
1 28 cancer and the probability that the disease will lead  
1 29 to death; NOW THEREFORE,  
1 30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 1 That the House of Representatives designates September  
2 2 2008 as Prostate Cancer Awareness month;  
2 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
2 4 Representatives declares that Iowa state government  
2 5 has a responsibility to raise awareness about the  
2 6 importance of screening methods for, and treatment of,  
2 7 prostate cancer; to encourage increased research in  
2 8 order to improve screening and treatment of prostate  
2 9 cancer, and to provide that the causes of, and a cure  
2 10 for, prostate cancer may be discovered; and to  
2 11 continue to consider ways for improving access to, and  
2 12 the quality of, health care services for detecting and  
2 13 treating prostate cancer.  
2 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
2 15 Representatives requests the Governor to issue a  
2 16 proclamation calling on the people of Iowa, interested  
2 17 groups, and affected persons to promote awareness of  
2 18 prostate cancer; to take an active role in the fight  
2 19 to end the devastating effects of prostate cancer on  
2 20 individuals and their families; to observe Prostate  
2 21 Cancer Awareness Month with appropriate ceremonies and  
2 22 activities; and to urge the United States Congress to  
2 23 prohibit the application of least costly alternative  
2 24 practices or similar policies for drugs and  
2 25 biologicals that unfairly target prostate cancer  
2 26 patients.  
2 27 LSB 6612HH 82  
2 28 rj/rj/24.1